

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-8 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 9-13 are currently pending in the application.

**Priority**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the priority document.

**35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103**

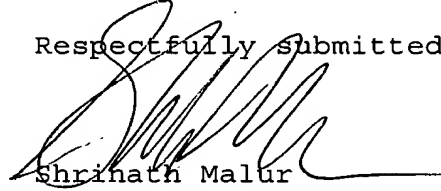
The rejection of claims 3-8 under 35 USC 102 and 103 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 3-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is

now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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